

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS MARR XF LE SY US  
SUBJ: SYRIAN UN PERMREP ON THE SITUATION IN BEIRUT

REF: USUN 3136

1. WE DO NOT KNOW CHOUFI BUT HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY HIS MAVERICK ATTITUDES IN PAST. WE APPRECIATE HIS CONCERN BUT WONDER WHETHER HE UNDERSTANDS FULLY THE COMPLEXITY OF THE LOCAL SITUATION.
2. SPECIFICALLY, JUST ABOUT EVERYONE AGREES WAY SHOULD BE FOUND TO GET SYRIANS OUT OF BEIRUT. PROBLEM IS TO GET CHRISTIANS TO STOP SHOOTING LONG ENOUGH TO PERMIT THEM TO DO SO GRACEFULLY. CHOUFI'S PROPOSITION THAT SYRIANS COULD REMAIN "NEAR" PALESTINIAN CAMPS WOULD MEAN UNBALANCED DEPLOYMENT, WHICH IS ANATHEMA TO MOSLEMS.

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3. SECONDLY, EVERYONE KNOWS LEBANON NEEDS A NEW GOVERNMENT. SARKIS HAD PLANNED APPOINT ONE AFTER SUCCESSFUL ARRIVAL LEBANESE FORCE AT TIBNIN. HE APPARENTLY BELIEVES NOW THAT IMPASSE AT KAWKABA MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE NEW CABINET CAN BE NAMED. CHOUFI'S PRESCRIPTION FOR CABINET IS EASY ENOUGH TO SKETCH IN DELEGATES' LOUNGE, BUT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO PUT TOGETHER LAST TIME IT WAS

TRIED. FURTHERMORE, CHAMOUN IN CABINET IS LIKELY TO  
DESTROY IT.

4. AS FOR U.S. ROLE, PLEASE TELL CHOUFI TO TELL THAT TO  
HIS GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS ENGAGING IN CAMPAIGN OF DISINFORMA-  
TION AGAINST US.  
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